

BIOGRAPHY: Senior Master Sergeant Patrina Obey
Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year FY 2009
Delaware Air National Guard

Senior Master Sgt. Patrina Obey is a resident of Smyrna, Delaware, and is a Logistics Management Specialist assigned to the 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron, part of the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, located in New Castle, Del. Sgt. Obey is the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Asset Management Section, and is a full-time member of the unit.

Sgt. Obey was born in Benton Harbor, Mich. She graduated Benton Harbor H.S. with high honors and went on to attend Lake Michigan College for one year, then enlisted in the active duty United States Air Force in January 1989. Her first duty station was Howard Air Force Base, Panama, where she worked in the Demand Processing and Research Sections. While there she was nominated and awarded Airman of the Quarter.

In June 1990, Sgt. Obey left Howard AFB and for a new assignment to Dover AFB, Del. where she was promoted below the zone (BTZ). There she worked in the Retail Sales Section, Stock Control, Local Purchase Liaison and performed as the NCOIC in charge of the Demand Processing/Records Maintenance Section. While at Dover AFB she was appointed as the Supply Liaison for the ROTC program, and was the sole point of contact for supply issues for the annual ROTC program.

After leaving active duty, Sgt. Obey joined the Delaware ANG in August of 1997. Here she has worked in a number of areas to include Retail Sales, HAZMAT Pharmacy, Fund Management, Receiving and now her current position as supervisor of the Asset Management Section where she manages a total of five full-time airmen and seven traditional airmen.

Sergeant Obey spends her time volunteering for several activities. She is the Team Mom for the Kent County Parks and Recreation Flag Football team, volunteers for the Delaware Food Bank and supplies endless donations to Mom's House, an organization that provides safe, secure, and free childcare to low-income single parents wishing to continue their education.

Sergeant Obey has deployed to several locations to include Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Uzbekistan and Qatar. She has received the following citations: Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service (single oak leaf cluster), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one 'M' Device.

She received her Community College of the Air Force Associates of Science degree in Logistics Management in July 1996. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Wilmington University and was a member of the honor society. Currently, she is enrolled in the Masters Degree program at the University of Phoenix studying business management.

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